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PRICE FIVE CENTS

FIRES ARE STILL RAGING OVER AN ENORMOUS TERRITORY

Trains Pick Up Settlers Who Are Fleeing

THOUSANDS HOMELESS

Many Have Lost Everything They Possessed Except the Clothes They Wore

MARTIAL LAW AT CHISHOLM

It is Estimated That Northern Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin Have Suffered Loss of Nearly \$4,000,000 in the Recent Fires.

DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 7.—The forest fires which are menacing the town of Wrenshall, 35 miles west of Duluth, are still burning.

John Lowry, of Duluth, who returned last night from Wrenshall, states that the flames are raging Carlton and Wrenshall, and that many settlers have been burned out.

The Great Northern trains yesterday stopped several times between stations to pick up settlers who have been left homeless.

The village of Holman, near Grand Rapids, is also reported to be threatened.

Between Hibbing and Coldrain small fires are burning over an area of nearly 550 miles.

Chisholm, with a population of nearly 4000, which was destroyed, will be rebuilt at once. Chisholm presents a scene of ruin and desolation. At least 4000 persons are homeless. The city is under military rule, and Governor Johnson is taking steps looking to the relief of the victims of the disaster. Relief trains are running into the burned district today, bringing needed supplies.

It is estimated that Northern Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin have suffered a loss of nearly \$4,000,000 from the recent forest fires. Of this amount, Chisholm's loss is \$1,750,000.

Hibbing cared for at least 100 refugees from Chisholm last night, and with tents by the carload arriving, in

a short time shelter will be established for all.

Many merchants and other well-to-do citizens lost all they possessed except the clothes they wore. While many are embarrassed, it is only temporary, as insurance money will soon be paid.

QUIET IN 'FRISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—With the city singularly free from industrial strife of any character, the observance of Labor Day this year promises to be as quiet as it is notable. Two immense parades, one representing the Building Trades Council, the other the Labor Council, will state from opposite directions and pass midway along Market street. Michael Casey will head the Labor Council and P. H. McCarthy will ride in the van of the Building Trades Council.

ROADS WILL BE OPENED FROM TILLAMOOK

FIRST GOOD HIGHWAY MEETING LARGELY ATTENDED—MUCH ENTHUSIASM.

WILL MAKE FINE DRIVING

Tillamook and Clatsop County Take the Matter up at Recent Meeting and Arrange to Let Bids For Three Miles of Road.

TILLAMOOK, Or., Sept. 7.—The first good roads meeting held in this county proved a great success and was largely attended.

There is a strong sentiment in favor of making good wagon road from the Yamhill county line at Dolph to Clatsop county, provided the other counties will co-operate. The county court has already taken up the matter of opening up the roads between Tillamook and Clatsop counties, and at its present meeting has a bid to construct three miles of road around Necarney Mountain, which overlooks the Pacific Ocean, and it is most likely that they will order this road constructed. The road from this city to Nehalem is in fine shape, and as soon as the roads between Tillamook

ANOTHER HIGH SPEED ACCIDENT

Lester Webb Instantly Killed and Charles Balke Injured

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 7.—Lester Webb was instantly killed and Chas. Balke, aged 17, suffered a fractured collarbone and slight concussion of the brain, and a battered face this afternoon at Agricultural Park when the motor cycle, ridden by Balke at a speed said to have been 40 miles an hour, ran into Webb in front of the grandstand.

and Clatsop are complete it will make one of the most beautiful driveways in the State of Oregon, and will have enormous summer travel. The disposition of the county court is to put the road from Dolph in good shape as soon as possible, but as there are several bad pieces of road, especially through what was known as the Indian reservation in Yamhill county, it is necessary to get the co-operation of other counties before a good automobile road from Portland, thru Washington, Yamhill and part of Polk, by way of McMinnville and Sheridan, into Tillamook county, and thence to Astoria, can be made.

KERN TO SPEAK IN OREGON.

PORTLAND, Sept. 7.—Kern, the democratic candidate for vice-president is expected to make two addresses in Oregon. The Democratic state central committee expects Kern to arrive in Oregon in time to speak in the district fair in Pendleton, September 30th and deliver an address in Portland, October 1st. Definite assurances received by Congressman T.

PLANNED TO SUICIDE IF HELD FOR MURDER

Lee Johnson Purchased Poison for Defense Against Crime

SEATTLE, Sept. 7.—Cyanide of potassium was purchased by Lee Johnston now on his way to Nome, to defend himself against the charge of murdering Belle Gilchrist, his unlawful wife, six days before the crime is alleged to have occurred. Following is an entry in Johnston's handwriting discovered penciled on the fly-leaf of a Bible by the first Mrs. Johnston, while she was searching her husband's effects:

"Bought cyanide of potassium, October 25, 1903." The date of Miss Gilchrist's death had been established as October 31, 1905, and parts of the body of the woman was unearthed on Saturday afternoon by searchers sent out from Nome to the Johnston cabin. Special United States Deputy Marshal Joe Warren, who is working on the case, claims also to have evidence to prove the woman came to her death October 31, 1905. While searching among her husband's papers today at her home at 1902 Fourth avenue, Mrs. Johnston discovered an old will, drawn up by Belle Gilchrist in which property in Maxwell, Ont., in Manitoba, and in Butte, Mont., is bequeathed to the testator's brother and two sisters.

A. Bell of California will deliver three addresses to the voters of Oregon. He will speak in Medford September 21st; Eugene the following night; Salem on the night of September 23rd. If it is possible he may speak in Ashland.

MAY HAVE BEEN PLOT TO HARM THE PRESIDENT

Secret Service Men Catch Suspicious Character Armed Near Roosevelt's House

SAYS HE WANTED TO SEE HIM ON BUSINESS

When Stopped by Secret Service Men He Shows Card Inscribed With His Name and the Word "Officer"—Is Being Held for Carrying Concealed Weapons

OYSTER BAY, Sept. 7.—A crank with an antiquated bulldog revolver was caught near Roosevelt's house today by secret service guards. The man described himself as John Coughlan, a detective and when stopped by a secret service man he presented a card upon which was inscribed his name and the word "Officer." He said he had come to ask the president for an order for 10,000 troops to catch "Yeggman" who had been terrorizing Boston. The secret service men stopped him and asked his business. They tried to put him off that the president was busy and was not seeing visitors. Coughlan hesitated a moment and then slid his hand toward his back pocket. Secret Service Agent Adams grabbed him. Coughlan is a slight man and he made little resistance. In his back pocket a revolver was found. He was taken in an automobile to the town hall under a charge of carrying concealed weapons, and committed to jail at Mineola. He will be examined for insanity. Coughlan admitted that he had been confined to an asylum for three years. The president was not informed of the occurrence this evening. A rumor started that a shot was fired at the president while riding with his cousin W. Emlen Roosevelt

along Cove road on Saturday. It is denied by those in a position to know. James Sloan, Jr., chief of the president's guard of secret service men emphatically denied the story of an ambush.

GRABBED THE BALLOON.

Young Prune Rancher Goes Up In The Air.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Sept. 7.—Accepting a dare from a young woman, Fred Biaggi, the 18-year-old son of a prune rancher, yesterday made a daring and unheralded aeronautic feat that thrilled hundreds of spectators. Running forward just as W. L. Warring, the professional parachute artist, cut loose from the ground Biaggi sprang into the cordage at the mouth of the bag and was carried upward to a height estimated at 6000 feet. Warring cut loose with his parachute at an elevation of 2500 feet, and with Biaggi as its solitary passenger the balloon drifted over the hills of the coast range until it was almost lost to view. His weight prevented the sudden escape of the gas, and after two hours of suspense for his friends he returned to town, having landed without injury.

BRYAN A PROMINENT FIGURE AT CHICAGO LABOR PARADE

BASEBALL GAMES.

Pacific Coast League.
San Francisco 8, 1, Oakland 10, 2.
Portland 5, Los Angeles 2.
Northwest League.
Seattle 0, 0, Spokane 1, 5.
Tacoma 2, Butte 3.

LABOR DAY ADDRESS.

MARION, Ills., Sept. 7.—John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, addressed 20,000 people at their Labor Day celebration here today. Mr. Mitchell spoke of the rapid advance of the laboring classes and denounced the idea of the rich growing richer, and the poor growing poorer. He said he has abandoned all aspirations for political office. He spoke highly of the judiciary, but criticized its course in some of the injunction cases.

KILLS MAN WHO GAVE HIM THRESHING

SHEPHERD WALKS OVER 15 MILES TO PROCURE GUN TO SLAY HIS ENEMY.

BOASTED HE MEANT DEATH

First Quarrel Started When Sheep Band Get Mixed—First Murder of the Season in Harney County Sheep Country.

BURNS, Or., Sept. 7.—The first murder on the Harney county border for two years took place on Stein Mountain, in a sheep camp, when John C. Midland shot and killed a Spaniard named Lorenzo P. Ramos, after a quarrel in which the Spaniard whipped Midland. The original dispute transpired a few days before the killing over the mixing of the two bands of sheep and culminated in a fist fight.

Midland went 15 miles to a store in Diamond Valley, where he bought a Colts revolver. While there he remarked that he was getting ready to kill Ramos if he got into any more trouble with him. On returning to Camp he met Ramos and shot him three times. The last shot took ef-

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Cheers of Crowd Please the Democrat

HE HITS TAFT HARD

Likens Republican Plank to a Lumber Pile, Calling It "a Mere Ragged Knot Hole"

WILL USE MOVING PICTURES

Every Move of the Candidate is Caught by the Motion Camera For Reproduction in Connection With Phonograph Speeches.

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—Organized labor today paid tribute to William J. Bryan. Although it was Labor Day it soon became manifest that the workers had surrendered their privilege and made it Bryan Day. Within an hour after his arrival in the city the democratic candidate for president, standing on the balcony of the Auditorium Hotel received the plaudits of thousands of toilers as they marched by in a monster parade. The air was rent with cheers and enthusiasm was unbounded. Not infrequently the marchers halted before the candidate's seat, doffed their caps with three cheers, "For our next president." The pleasure which ovation afforded Bryan was undisguised. So insistent for a speech was the crowd in front of the hotel, that Bryan yielded. In the course of his brief address he paid tribute to labor and said that he believed in the observance of Labor Day because he thought "We all ought to strive to assist in dignifying it in every possible way the honest toil upon which our nation properly rests."

But this was only one feature of the visit of the democratic candidate. Bryan was conducted to Forest Park, where a multitude awaited him. He was given a great ovation. He delivered a speech on the abuse of the injunction in the labor disputes and later practically duplicated his speech at Brand's Park where the Electrical Workers were holding forth. Every

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KETCHEL ALL BUT KILLED BY PAPKE

Illinois Scrapper Wins Distinction as Middleweight Champion in the Bloodiest Fight on Record

VERNON ARENA, Los Angeles, Sept. 7.—Stanley Ketchel of Michigan, the middleweight champion of the world, was knocked out in the twelfth round at Jeffries' fighting pavilion this afternoon by Billy Papke, of Illinois, who by virtue of his victory, becomes the middleweight champion of the world. It was a case of an Illinois thunderbolt against a Michigan cyclone and the thunderbolt won. Ketchel had the previous decision over Papke in a ten round fight. Ketchel was a two to one favorite today.

Today's fight was one of the bloodiest in the history of the American ring. The fight was practically over after one minute and twenty seconds of fighting of the first round. From that time it was merely a question

of how long Ketchel could last. Papke tore into Ketchel with such fury that the undefeated champion was simply lifted off his feet four times in the first round. After the first knock-down Ketchel never really recovered himself. He bled from a rain of terrible blows in the face, but for three rounds he managed to hold his own. His right eye was useless to him after the first round and before the finish his left eye was all but closed. The last three rounds he staggered around the ring dizzy, and practically blind. All through the fight Ketchel bled so that the blood literally dripped from his open wounds onto Papke's clean body, and to the floor of the ring and the defeated man presented a horrible sight. Papke finished almost as strong as when he entered the ring with hardly a mark on him.

ATTEL AND MORAN FIGHT TO A DRAW

Both Boxers Claim They Should Have Received Decision, But Spectators Agree With Decision

COLMA ARENA, San Francisco, Sept. 7.—Abe Attel, the champion featherweight of America, and Owen Moran, England's premier boxer of that division fought a draw battle at the Colma open air arena this afternoon in the presence of 6000 spectators. The battle lasted 23 rounds at the conclusion of which the referee, Jack Welch, unhesitatingly grasped both lads by the hand and signifying a draw.

The decision pleased the crowd and there was great cheering for both fighters as they left the ring. The fight on the whole was rather tame; this was off-set by the cleverness exhibited by both fighters. The fight was very even and characterized by Attel's cleverness of blocking and

general defense and Moran's aggressiveness. The consensus of opinion is that Attel has gone back considerably and lacks the speed that governs his previous battles. After the fight Moran told the newspapermen that he broke his right hand in the second round, but though he won, "By a mile." The Associated Press representative examined the alleged broken hand in Moran's dressing room, but beyond the fact that his arm was badly swollen around the thumb it was impossible to verify his claim of a broken arm.

Attel also claimed he should have had the decision and is willing to fight again any distance inside of 25 rounds. Attel's middle finger on the right hand was disjunctured during the fight.